

What's Up?

WORLD

BEIRUT(AP)-Lebanon severed relations with Iraq on Monday, saying that the assassination of a prominent Iraqi dissident in Beirut last week was ordered by Saddam Hussein's government.

NATION

WASHINGTON(AP)-The Clinton administration studied options for dealing with the Bosnian Serb offensive to keep it from spreading from Gorazde to other Muslim enclaves. Among options was support for a European call to send U.N. troops to the embattled city. Clinton said he favored lifting the ban on sending arms to the Muslims, but indicated the United States would not act alone. The State Department said European nations remain opposed to ending the arms embargo.

STATE

BROWNSVILLE(AP)-A surgeon's wife and her accomplice were sentenced Monday to life in prison for the contract killing of a teenager who had spurned the woman's teenage daughter.

CAMPUS

CAMPUS CALENDAR-The remaining weeks of the semester are filled with public performances of student shows.

- Today "Forensics Showcase" at 7:30 p.m. in Jean Browne Theatre.

- Tomorrow Spring Choir Concert.

- Monday Art Exhibit dealing with global issues. It will run through May 6.

- April 28 Dancefest '94 at 7:30 p.m. in Wise Auditorium. "Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"

- opens in Browne Theatre and runs through May 3.

- April 29 Wind Ensemble Concert.

- May 3 Band Concert.

- May 4-5 Student Recitals.

- May 5 the Floating Theatre, "Waiting for Godot" at 4 p.m. in the Shop free. Two other performances are at 4 and 7 p.m. May 6.

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TJC Touchstone, News win awards at state meet

by Kristie Carter
Staff Writer

The TJC News and TJC Touchstone literary magazine won 10 state awards April 8 at the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association awards banquet, Student Publications Director Linda Zeigler said.

News staffers won two second places for: "Personal Doubts..." a general column by Keith Mathis and "Facts of Death," a freehand infographic by Jeremy Coe. Mathis transferred to The University of Texas at Arlington last year where he writes for The Shorthorn. Coe graduated last spring and attends the University of Texas at Tyler where he writes for The Patriot.

TJC Touchstone was named second best overall literary magazine in the state. This was a result of seven other awards including:

- first place for Angela Britt's "A New Day", single literary magazine cover;

- second places for Jed Turman's "Untitled" feature photo; Lisa Camp's "Round Autumn's Corner" illustration and typography, layout and design. The layout

and design staff were: Coe, Joey Evans, George Fields, Mathis, Misty Otts, Jaymie Poeschl, Derek Rowan, Nancy Scantling, Hope Seley and Silvana Vierkant.

- third place for Phala Partin-Hay's "Waiting for the elephant", magazine poem and

- honorable mentions for Nikki Coyle's "Backyard Adventures" illustration and single literary magazine issue.

"It is a real challenge for our newspaper and magazine to win awards," Zeigler said. "We are competing in Division I which includes colleges with enrollment of 7,500 to 50,000. That means we are competing against much larger colleges like UT Arlington, UT Austin, University of North Texas and Texas A&M University."

The awards ceremony concluded the TIPA Convention at Holiday-Inn Emerald Beach, Corpus Christi. Five students attended: Jaymie Poeschl, Candice Reimer, Rachel Washburn, Lisa Henderson and Holly Ellis with Zeigler. Del Mar College and Southwest Texas State University managed the convention.

Bill lecture on Middle East to close Enrichment Series

by Derek Rowan
Staff Writer

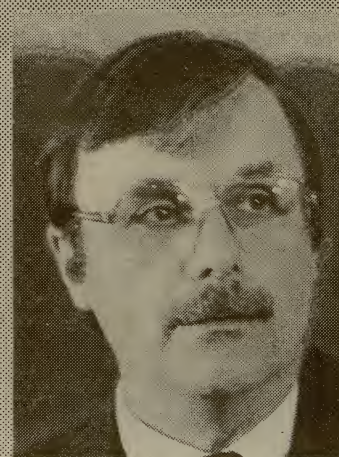
Dr. James A. Bill, government professor at The College of William and Mary, will lecture twice Monday, Government Instructor Dr. Manouchehr Khosrowshahi said.

"Continuing conflict in the Persian Gulf: Problems of Identity and Legitimacy" will be Bill's lecture topic at 10 a.m. in the Apache rooms, Khosrowshahi said.

"The Power of Resurgent Islam: From Atlantic to Pacific" will be the topic at 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel lecture hosted by the East Texas Council on World Affairs, Khosrowshahi said.

Bill has been government professor at The University of Texas at Austin and a visiting professor at Washington University in St. Louis and at the University of Alaska in Anchorage. He has lectured on international issues at more than 80 universities including Harvard, Yale, The University of Chicago and the International University of Japan.

Both lectures are free for students. For more information contact Khosrowshahi at 510-2279.



courtesy photo

Dr. James A. Bill

Hawkins reorganizes structure Project 2001 starts at top

by Kristie Carter
Staff Writer

As part of Project 2001, TJC President Dr. Raymond Hawkins has approved reorganization of the College administrative structure, Dr. William Crowe, associate vice president of instruction, said.

The structure will drop from five instructional divisions to three instructional schools. They will be headed by deans Joan Jones, Business and Technology; Dr.

Linda Watkins, Liberal and Fine Arts; Alan Rasco, Health and Natural Sciences. Aubrey Sharpe, will be executive director of the Regional Training and Development Center.

The new organizational structure will:

- be a more effective in addressing the College's new mission statement

- encourage greater involvement of employees in deci-

sion-making

- reduce administrative staff
- ensure maximum use of faculty in classrooms.

This will allow the College to cluster more programs together to be more efficient, Crowe said.

"We want the institution to operate as efficiently as it can," he said.

Continuing education will be centralized into one office instead of divided into divisions.

The structure changes are underway. The remainder of the spring semester and the summer will be a transition period. "It is our goal to have the new structure completely implemented by the fall," Crowe said.

"The new structure will give the deans latitude to get things done and get programs that are best for students without having to cross over so many barriers," Crowe said.

Many want Singaporean justice in the United States

by Jaymie Poeschl
Staff Writer

Once upon a time a student was prone to mischief. The student was not a bad person just immature. One day the student was upset because he was being punished for playing his stereo too loud in his dorm room. Because this student was so immature, he decided to "key" the car of the person who turned him in for excessive noise in his dorm room.

The student was caught keying the car. The admin-

istration's policy states that anyone found guilty by due process of defacing someone's property will be sentenced to 10 whacks across the buns with an oiled cane. Although this punishment may cause mutilation, it is believed the punishment fits the crime.

The story is fictitious in the United States, but has become reality for 18-year-old American Michael Fay. Fay was caught defacing property in Singapore, which is punishable by caning, according to "20/20," an ABC news magazine aired on Friday nights.

Fay's parents have tried to

publicize the sentence to win sympathy and minimize his punishment. President Bill Clinton has pleaded to Singapore officials, according to a column by Mike Royko in the Dallas Morning News. The Singaporeans told the president to "mind his own business."

The reaction of Royko's readers was strong. Ninety-nine percent favor of the punishment. They voiced concern about the high crime rate in the United States compared to almost no crime in Singapore. Americans are fed up with the increasing crime rate.

More letters to the Dallas Morning News mirrored similar opinions.

In "Right for us, too," Larry Roger, Dallas, said, "I would imagine when they get through with the 'caning' his attention span will be greatly enhanced!"

"We, in this country, are in desperate need of copious amounts of Singapore justice. Let us all drink a toast to the Singapore justice system—the 'Singapore Cane,' a newly established drink!" Roger said.

One letter that stood out said nothing for or against Michael Fay but forces people to ask questions about the effectiveness of United States laws.

In "Singapore safe," Gideon Ong of Dallas said, "My home country of Singapore has a population of 2.8 million people, with four different races living harmoniously. Discrimination, be it race or religion, has never been a problem. This is attributed to two factors. First, Singaporeans are

traditionally very law-abiding because of the stringent laws there, and also children are taught to treat each other with respect, regardless of race. Second, the strict law of capital punishment really keeps our crime rate to a minimum. This makes Singapore a safe haven for a multiracial population.

Singapore has strict laws with strict punishment sometimes carried out publicly. Because both the law and the punishment for the crime are set, the punishment does fit the crime.

If the United States rewrote the law today making caning the penalty for defacing property the punishment would fit the crime because it would be a law. The person who commits a crime should have to realize what the exact cost would be. Then if that person feels keying someone's car is worth several whacks with a cane, an action known to scar and even kill men, then he is gambling with deck that's not all there.



LOOK INTO MY EYES

by
Troy Alexander

Accomplishments are not fame

I watched the Academy Awards a couple of weeks ago. My fondest memory is when Steven Spielberg won the Best Director's Oscar for "Schindler's List" and his mother cried in the audience, happy for what her son had finally achieved. I wished then that I knew what it was like to have someone that proud of me. But how?

Right now I am an English major who wants nothing more than to teach literature at college level. A few years ago getting rich was my main concern. On an altruistic scale, I am moving up.

So now I am in college, seeking my degree, wondering if it is possible for my parents to be proud of me if all I do is teach. To me, I will have succeeded in my profession the first time I have a student come back to me, years after I have taught him, to let me know how he is doing. But would this simple success be enough to make my mother shed tears of joy for what her son has accomplished? Would the small child my father held so many years ago have reached as far as my father dreamed he would?

Possibly not.

But then again, maybe I am

confusing accomplishment with national fame. What, then, is the literal definition of "accomplished"? Luckily I have my trusty "Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary" within reach, unabridged, with more than 2,000 pages of instant knowledge for the uninformed. That would be me.

"Accomplished," definition 1: "finished; completed; fulfilled; executed; effected."

That is an eye-opener. Not once is the word fame or popularity used. So, on a small scale, people become accomplished with every little job they complete or every ordeal they survive. When my mother cried while I walked to get my high school diploma, in that brief moment, I was accomplished. I can feel elated for having been so.

And with each degree I achieve in college, I'll become accomplished and my parents will have the opportunity to be proud.

"Accomplished," definition 2: "well endowed with good qualities and manners."

That could be me. I use my "yes, ma'ams" and "no, ma'ams" and "thank yous" and "pleases," so I have some good qualities and manners.

But Webster's goes on to say: "educated and polished."

I'm in college, I'm being educated, so I guess I'm becoming accomplished right now. And, according to this definition, absolute accomplishment is not possible because absolute knowledge is not either.

Granted I'll never know what it is like to accept an Oscar while my mother cries in the audience, nor will I know how it feels to swish a winning last second three-pointer in a championship basketball game while my father looks on. But at least I can close the book which is my dictionary, if not the book which is my life, feeling better about the person I am and the person I want to become.

But still I can't shake the feeling that I am wasting a lot of precious time in college while I wait to become "accomplished." I often hear Robin William's voice shout loudly in my mind "Seize the day." I can't help believing that I am only wading through the day.

Not one thing I can remember doing today has made any difference to anyone. Guess I will have to try again tomorrow.

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE NEWS

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Student journalists invade Corpus

by Jaymie Poeschl
staff writer

Little people were being trampled by guerilla photographers, glass was broken and cameras went flying as reporters and photojournalists raced to get the best spot. "This is really happening," I said to myself. People were actually getting hurt, but the baffling part was that the story we all were trying to cover was not even real. It was only a contest.

For the second time I was honored to attend the Texas Intercollegiate Press Convention in Corpus Christi. It was the most exciting experience most of us would-be journalists have ever had. I made myself literally sick from excitement the night before the trip, recalling memories of last year, when they staged a surprise shark attack for reporters and photographers to cover.

The contests were only a piece of the pie. We danced in an aircraft carrier and heard speakers who were almost as exciting as the contests.

Libby Averyt is an award-winning reporter with the Corpus Christi Caller Times. She was one of a panel of

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-David Flores

investigative reporters who talked to journalists about touchy subjects that may come up in their career.

Averyt had thought that it would be an exciting experience to protect her rights under the First Amendment. She had a rude awakening when she went to jail a few years ago for refusing to reveal her sources at a trial. Fresh out of college, Averyt's first assignment was to go undercover at a high school for six weeks to write a series of articles on what it is like to be a teenager.

Averyt says if she had to do it again, knowing what she knows now, she might question the ethics of earlier situations. Going to high school, pretending to be a teenager and making friends, she might not consider ethical today, Averyt said.

Another panelist told college journalists what it was like to get thrown out of press box at a football game.

David Flores, San Antonio Express-News deputy sports editor, was embarrassed to sit with the general public when the owner of late USFL Gunslingers refused to let Flores sit in the press box. His stance came from earlier disputes over Flores' stories about the Gunslingers. Flores was even more embarrassed to find his picture on the front page the next day, making him

part of the news instead one who covers it.

Flores also had some of advice on ethics for future journalists.

"Try to be ethical, and then if they come after you, it will be because you were just doing your job," Flores said.

To make an exciting experience complete, TJC brought home 11 awards in division one, which includes colleges of 7,500 to 50,000 enrollment.

We brought home one more valuable lesson: "Go to conventions for the experience of a lifetime and have fun, but don't ever underestimate the power of two-year community college students when they compete with students from schools as big as Baylor, Texas A&M, UT at Austin, SMU and Texas Tech. They may just be too big for their britches.

2nd best can be good enough

by Kristie Carter
staff writer

Marianthi Coroneou, speaking about learning languages at an early age, said it is sad to realize that a silver or bronze medal at the Olympics does not matter anymore. Only the gold is good enough.

Only gold medal winners are sought out for sponsorships and advertisements. Nobody wants a silver or bronze medal winner for their commercials, Coroneou, assistant professor of English as a Second Language, said at the Multicultural Student Leadership Conference at the University of Texas at Tyler earlier this year.

The more I thought about her comment, the more it troubled me. In our society if you're not No. 1, you're a failure. What is wrong with achieving second or even third place?

Take the Buffalo Bills, for example. I am not a football fan, but I did watch the Superbowl and saw the Bills lose. I also heard the constant chatter about how they had been to the Superbowl four times and lost every time. Big deal! They have nothing to be

ashamed of. So they came in second. What is wrong with that? Look at all the other teams that did not even make it to the Superbowl. They should be very proud of their achievements.

As an A student fresh out of high school I came to TJC on a presidential scholarship believing I had to make all

A's. Nothing else would do. After the first semester I realized that was not going to happen. After two more semesters I have realized something else— sometimes a B means a lot more than all of those A's, because you had to work harder for it. Trying to make all A's is not worth throwing

away everything else in your life for. If you did your best, it should not matter if you made an A, B or even a C. Just like it should not matter if you came in first, second or third. That is still something to be proud of.

This does not mean people should just not try and settle for nothing. Reach for the stars, strive to be the best, but if you don't reach the top, you are not a failure. You are just as good as the next person because you did your best. That makes you a winner every time.

"Only the gold is good enough."

-Marianthi Coroneou

News wannabes cover riot

by Candice Reimer
staff writer

To be a photographer takes skill and talent, but some learned this month at the TIPA convention that to win first place in this contest, a photographer must be 6'8" tall and weigh 340 pounds, at least in personality.

The news writing and news photo contest director introduced the news source, a soon-to-be Playboy Bunny in an average press conference atmosphere. TJC News photographer Candice Reimer and Editor Jaymie Poeschl were among the student contestants.

About 90 seconds later the entire atmosphere turned into a journalist's dream as chanting came from the back of the room. A protest riot broke out, the students' keen photo skills kicked in and the whole room became a madhouse. Chairs, glasses, cameras and tables crashed to the floor and peers, full of the adrenaline that drives every

journalist, began shoving for a place. Some ran to the front of the room and fought; some chose to stand back and do the best they could.

The riot moved around the room and out the door into a narrow hallway. The crowd of journalists followed. The victim was the pretty blonde Playboy Bunny, the object of the protest against the sexual exploitation of women. They took a swing at her and the crowd snapped, flashes popped and the pushing and shoving grew intense. Then the police arrived and began to cuff some participants. Reporters shouted their barely-heard questions and the whole scene became a memory.

The director pushed his way in and told all the young journalists it was over. Pumped-up photographers turned in their film and the news writers sat down to re-live their experience on paper. The first event ended, but no one who competed would forget that contest.

'8 Seconds' rides high

by Lisa Henderson
staff writer

"8 Seconds" stars Luke Perry as Lane Frost, the award-winning bullrider who was tragically killed while riding. Perry does an excellent job portraying a Southern man whose only ambition in life is to be the best bullrider he can be. Frost is seen as an extremely emotional man desperately trying to win his father's attention and the respect he deserves.

Viewers see Lane as an easy-

to-like character surrounded by good friends. One of those, Tuff Hedeman, played by Steven Baldwin, is a womanizing, strong champion bullrider. Although it is not often evident, he cares deeply for Frost.

Through much of this movie, Frost struggles with his marriage.

"8 Seconds" is a fast-paced, romance and action movie that is at times boring and takes too long to get its point across.

4 art students win UTT scholarships

Four TJC students will attend the University of Texas at Tyler next fall on art scholarships.

They won the awards for entries in UT Tyler's Junior and Community College Art Symposium. Their art was displayed in the University Center at UT Tyler recently.

Sophomores Sholanda Prince from Gilmer and April Mayo from New Chapel Hill won \$2,000 scholarships.

Sophomores Stacy Richardson from Palestine and James White from Tyler won \$1,000 scholarships.

This competition was opened to junior college art students. Only 12 of the 75 who entered won scholarships.

"Winning this scholarship is the biggest thing that's ever happened to me," Prince said.



Courtesy photo

DOLLARS FOR ART—Standing next to their work are scholarship winners April Mayo, James White and Sholanda Prince. Not pictured is Stacy Richardson.

Phi Theta Kappans to dine May 6

Invitations have gone out for the Phi Theta Kappa initiation banquet at 7 p.m. May 6 at the Rogers Student Center, English Instructor Judy Turman said.

To be in Phi Theta Kappa, students must be enrolled in at least 12 hours at TJC and maintain a grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students cannot be on disciplinary probation and must have a declared major. Phi Theta Kappa members are also committed to serving their community and their fellow citizens, Turman said.

The initiation fee, \$48, is paid once.

Graduation nears, Sharp to speak

The end of spring semester is rapidly approaching. Only two weeks of classes remain before final exams May 9-12.

Graduation practice will be at 8:30 a.m. May 3 in Wagstaff Gymnasium, Registrar Staff Technician Denny Kay Yarbrough said. Caps, gowns and

Banquet tickets cost \$7. Each member will receive a gold Theta pin and certificate.

Turman said last year names were left off of the mailing list because of computer complications. Anyone who did not receive an invitation who thinks they have met the requirements, should contact one of the Phi Theta Kappa advisers.

Advisers are Turman, Computer Science Instructor Gigi Beaton, Medical Laboratory Technology Instructor Lynda Gunter, Health and Kinesiology Director Roland Schick and Biology Instructor Jeanette Stewart.

invitations will be handed out at practice. They were paid for by students' graduation fees.

Graduation will be at 10 a.m. May 14 in Wagstaff Gymnasium. The speaker will be John Sharp, state comptroller, Yarbrough said.

Summer registration to begin May 26

Time permits may be picked up in the registrar's office beginning May 17 for Summer Session I registration. Registration will be May 26-27. Classes will begin May 31.

Time permits for Summer Session II

will be available June 27. Registration will be July 7. Classes will begin July 11.

Payment is expected at time of registration, Registrar Operations Manager Paul Pewitt said. Visa, Mastercard or check will be accepted.



Photo by Candice Reimer

HOW!—Posing with the wooden Indian is newly elected Student Senate President Jason Calhoun. He hopes for more participation by students in campus activities next year.

Calhoun to take office at Senate banquet tomorrow

Jason Calhoun, newly-elected Student Senate president, will take the oath of office at the Student Senate banquet tomorrow. Calhoun won by a margin of 49 votes in an election in which 260 students voted. He is a pre-law major who wants to get into politics.

"Being president of the student body will give me a great beginning in my later career," he said. The 23-year old Republican from Mineola is a former U.S. Navy chef who spent time in the Persian Gulf War on the La Salle, flagship for commander of Middle East forces.

Calhoun's goals are to get more students involved in campus activities and to find out why more students are not willing to participate more. He thinks better publicity of the activities would bring the attendance level up. He would like to establish co-ed visiting hours in campus residence halls, he said.

"My target audience is the student body and I will take any suggestions from any student. I am here to make a difference for students," Calhoun said. Also he wants to gain more cooperation from campus organizations and the Senate.

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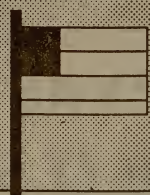
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MULTICULTURAL SPECIAL SECTION

Native-American shares forgotten traditions Cody believes he is called to teach, be bridge

by Kristie Carter
staff writer

Long before a multicultural society inhabited in America, a strong nation of people covered the land. People who once stood tall and proud, became a conquered nation oppressed and hated in their own lands. They are people whose history and heritage have been pushed back and forgotten.

When Columbus entered the Western Hemisphere, some 40 million Native Americans inhabited the land, according to USA Today. Four hundred years later Native American population had dwindled to 232,000. Today the United States has only 1.5 million Native Americans, a far cry from the 40 million who were here originally.

The Native American story often goes untold. Society has long forgotten how these people fought

to keep the land being stripped from them, and how they still fight in courts today to protect the small amounts of land they have left.

Spencer Cody knows that struggle. He is a Kiowa Indian who was born in Lawton, Okla. He is a sophomore speech and theater major.

Cody knows all too well the hardships and prejudice his people have faced and still face today, yet he is hopeful and determined to bring to others a better understanding of the Native American culture and to keep that culture alive.

"I believe that God has called me to be a bridge between the native and non-native people, a peacemaker," Cody said.

Cody recently performed his first theater production, "I, Cody." In the production he wore his full Indian regalia and shared many aspects of his culture with the au-

dience. He will perform again at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday in the Apache rooms as part of International Day.

Cody has also spent the past seven years visiting elementary schools and speaking to students to give them a better understanding of Native American culture.

"Sometimes I get discouraged and wonder if I am making a difference, but I love to teach the children," Cody said.

In the past five years Cody, his wife and their six children have opened their home to approximately 25 Indian people who were either destitute or down. They do it because "we have been blessed and want to pass that on and share it with others," Cody said.

Cody discovered the prejudice toward his people at a young age. His father was college educated with a degree in accounting, but because he was an Indian, he could not get a job and worked in a kitchen all of his adult life.

When he was five, Cody, his two sisters and baby brother convinced their parents to drop them off to play at a park while they went grocery shopping. After their parents left, the children were surrounded by older white children who called them "dirty Indians" and jerked his sisters around by their braids.

Although Cody has faced some prejudice from fellow TJC students, he is impressed with the faculty and staff.

"They have all treated me very well. The teachers and instructors are truly concerned about the state of the human being and really interested in a person," Cody said. "I would send my own children here."

"The difference in our cultures does not mean that one way of life is better than the other, it just means that we are different," Cody said. He strongly believes that racism and racial prejudice can be stamped out in the place of learning.

Cody realizes that America's battle for internal peace is not over. Even today certain businesses will not serve him because he is an Indian. They follow

him through the store because they think he will steal.

"My hope is in Jesus, who alone can bring unity and love to the hearts of men. He has given me these mighty words to stand on, 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.' (Psalm 28:7) I cling to these words, not just for myself, but for my people."



Photo by Jaymie Poeschl

THE BEAT GOES ON— Jerry Ngapi Mai Manane plays the Djun-Djun drum for a multicultural conference last fall at University of Texas at Tyler. The band's music showcased a mix of reggae and jazz with an intensive use of drums.

Internationals to entertain

International Day will include exhibitions, music, entertainment, arts and crafts from many countries from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday in Rogers Student Center.

Performances will include a traditional Native American war dance by sophomore Spencer Cody, belly dancing from the Middle East and Hispanic and international folk dancing.

Classical music and blues on the guitar, classics on the violin and Middle Eastern music are planned. Performing also is Government Instructor Manoucher Khosrowshahi and Harmony and Understanding.

Dr. Van Cleef, executive vice president will officially open the event at 11 a.m.

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Tennis draws international players to East Texas

Spaniards Verdu, Abellán find 'high level of life' in U.S.

By Troy Alexander
Staff Writer

Tennis is one of few sports that for more than a century has been shared and played internationally. Even Louis XIV had tennis courts at his palace at Versailles. The Tennis Team reflects the game's international popularity. Both women's and men's teams consist of players from many countries, small and large.

Freshmen Carlos Verdu and Gines Abellán are both from Spain. The two came to America to play tennis here after their friend, Miguel Valor came home and told them about his experiences playing for the Apaches, Abellán said.

Though some players are recruited, quite a few come to TJC in the same fashion as Verdu and Abellán, Tennis Coach John Peterson said.

Verdu, who has been playing tennis for 10 years, said his parents are excited about his being in America. "They think I'll have a lot of opportunities here," Verdu said.

He will be here for at least another two years, but said, if it were not for tennis, he would rather be in Spain with his family.

Abellán, who has played since he was eight, said two advantages to living in America are how cheap everything is compared to most European countries and the "high level of life" American people seem to have.

But everyone here thinks so much differently, he said, and he's not comfortable living as people in America are supposed to live. "They have a different perspective about everything," Abellán said.

He said he could have come to America without tennis, but right now he thinks tennis and school are equally important. His parents are proud he is doing his best. He'll be in America for at least another three years, Abellán said.

Though Verdu is majoring in dentistry and Abellán in engineering, both of them have dreams of becoming professional tennis players.

"I think everything is possible," said Verdu, "You only have to work on it."

The players' likes about America are similar, but their dislikes are different. They agree that food is cheaper and fresher. "Most of them are impressed by how attractive the campus is and how nice and open the people are," Peterson said.

Their dislikes vary from nation to nation. For example, players from countries that don't emphasize teaching English as a second language find adapting to the language tough, Peterson said.

Homesickness is, of course, a factor Peterson has to deal with, but that could occur in a person from overseas or a person

from Brownsboro, he said.

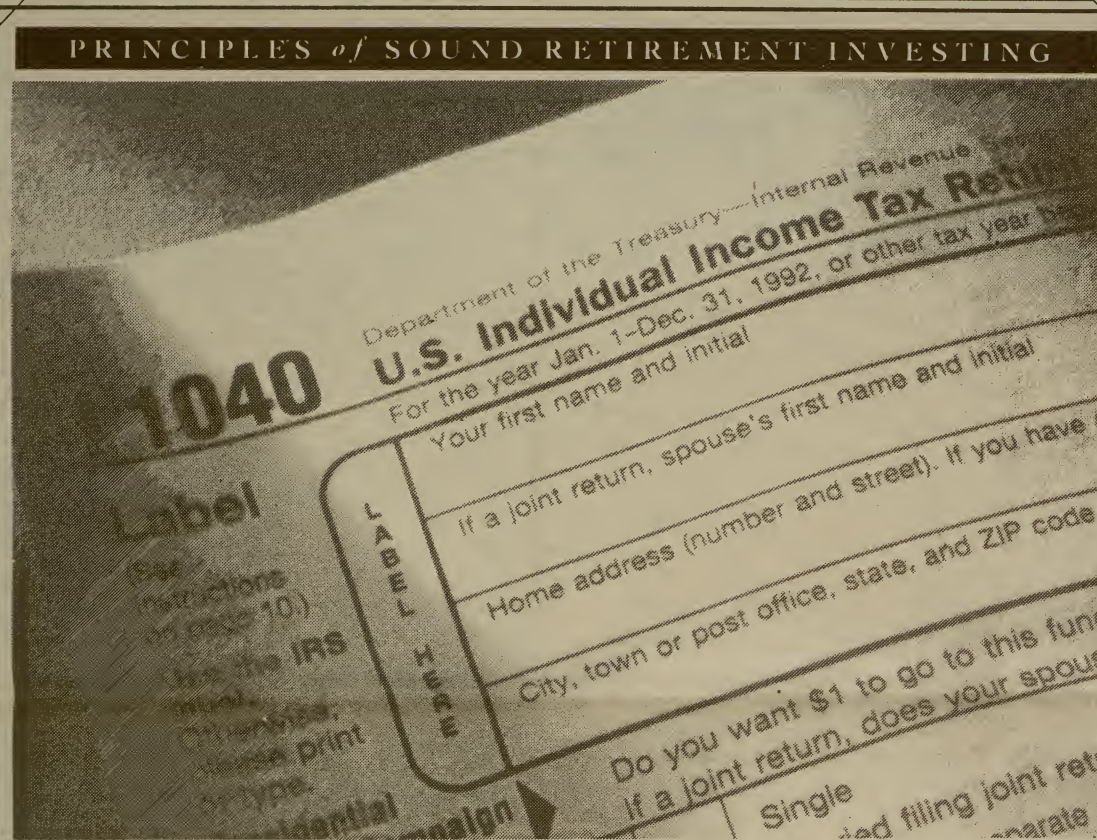
"The thing is, international players can't go home for the weekend or for Christmas break," Peterson said.

Besides Verdu and Abellán, the men's

team has three Swedish players: Jesper Hellstrand, Mattias Jonsson and Stefan Nilsson and one from England, Andrew Carr.

The women's tennis team has four

international players: Tanya Dilic from Yugoslavia, Laura Nhavene from Mozambique, Africa, Rakel Nielsen of Denmark and Paiao Short of Rorotonga in the Cooke Islands



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NEWS

Humanities sets Honors Day to say special 'thank you'

by Kristie Carter
Staff Writer

Humanities Honors Day will be from 3-5 p.m. April 28 in the Apache Rooms, Linda Watkins, humanities and social sciences dean, said.

To receive an award on Honors Day a student must have at least a B average and have shown special interest in a class or major.

Ten programs participate in Honors Day: art, behavioral science, English, English as a Second Language, government, history, journalism, modern language, music and dance and speech and theater. Approximately 200 students will be honored.

Students' families are invited to attend Honors Day, a festive ceremony and reception with refreshments and flowers. "Awarding academic

excellence is of utmost importance," Watkins said. "This is our day to say 'thank' you to faculty and students of excellence."

Honors Day is also special because awards are given for students, faculty and staff whose work is published in the TJC Touchstone literary magazine. The new 1994 Touchstone is handed out for the first time, she said.

"Special letters will be sent out this week or next week to students receiving awards," Watkins said. "It is important to respond to the Humanities Office with a reply, so we will know whether to call out their names at the ceremony."

"Honors Day is a day to say 'thank you' to the best and brightest," Watkins said. "These are quality students and we are pleased to recognize them."

Contest seek student videos

by Kristie Carter
Staff Writer

The seventh annual Christophers' Video Contest is now accepting productions by college students. The contest includes prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 for the top three entries and five honorable mention awards of \$500 each. In addition to cash prizes, winning entries will be featured on the weekly program, "Christopher Closeup," which airs on both cable and commercial stations.

Film or video productions must be five minutes or

less in length and capture the theme of the contest, 'One person can make a difference.' In the past students have used animation, music video, news report, documentary, comedy and drama to capture the theme.

To qualify, entrants must be currently enrolled college students in good standing. Productions must be submitted on VHS or 3/4-inch cassette and a completed entry form must accompany each submission. Official entry forms can be obtained by writing or calling The Christophers, New York, N.Y. 10017; (212) 759-4050.

Multicultural art expands viewers' understanding

by Cynthia Wyscarver
Staff Writer

Several mixed media photographs depict and describe different cultures at the Tyler Museum of Art. Artists from different backgrounds give viewers a closer understanding of their heritage.

Two pieces by Hispanic Celia Munoz are descriptive of Hispanic man and woman. "Ella" characterizes a woman, with an infant's red dress in the background. Large amounts of lace, along with several silver heart necklaces, cover the dress. The character appears to love her jewelry. A playing card with the words "El Corazon" is visible. Rhinestone and silver crosses express the character's religious faith.

Munoz' second piece, "El" characterizes the rougher life of a man. The background is a zebra print infant suit. Knives and switchblades, indicating violence, are visible as well as crosses, but not as many. Skeletons and skeletal faces border the piece, symbolic of the "Day of the Dead" to honor loved ones who have died.

A series of photos by American Keith Carter entitled "The Blue Man" are highly religious. One photo shows a boy and man standing in a river, the boy about to be baptized by his pastor. This photo reminds of early Bible days when believers were baptized in rivers such as the Jordan.

Another piece shows a little white church in the woods. The church seems to be a peaceful place.

In another photo, a black man has his mouth open wide, maybe singing or saying "Amen." This is a highly emotional series.



Photo by Jaymie Poeschl

MODERN MEETS THE PAST— Freshman Ella Prince enjoys wearing traditional African clothing. Prince believes dressing traditionally puts her in touch with her ancestors. The material is originally hand made in Africa and shipped to the United States. Yet she also enjoys working on computers in the journalism lab where she is a student assistant.

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Kids' Bridge teaches children multiculturalism

by Jaymie Poeschl
staff writer

Kids' Bridge is a multicultural exhibit at The Discovery Place. It will be open through July 31 featuring different cultures. Children can walk through a Kenyan village, shop in a Mexican market, play Cajun musical instruments, participate in an Indian pow-wow, enjoy a Japanese home and learn about the dynamics of wind velocity with the windmill from Holland.

Children learn at an early age that they are different from their playmates. Opinions children form about each other sometimes stay with them for the rest of their lives. Education about what makes people different is what Diane Tutt, who designed The Kids' Bridge, believes children need to get along with their peers.

Tutt got the idea for The Kids' Bridge from visiting 35 children's museums, especially one in Boston which had a multicultural exhibit.

"If children understand the differences in cultures and people from other places they will be more accepting of other people," Tutt said.

This exhibit is temporary, but the permanent exhibit will be more science and math-oriented, Tutt said.

Many people and organizations volunteered time and materials. Tutt's family helped build many of the exhibits and Robert E. Lee High School students painted the murals. The Junior League and Target's Good Neighbor Program also helped, she said.

Many of the exhibits feature real artifacts borrowed from people who either visited or live in other countries. The Alabama-Coushatta Reservation near Livingston donated the artifacts for the Native-American display case.

Speech and theater instructor Dr. Clarence Strickland built the Indian tipi.

Tutt put in 70 to 80 hours a

week as the deadline drew near, but now she says it was worth it.

"The most fun is seeing that the kids really are enjoying them-

selves and learning at the same time," Tutt said.

Tickets are purchased at the door: Children under three are free,

ages three to 12 \$2.50 and over 12 years \$5. The Discovery Place is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



photo by Jaymie Poeschl

CHILDREN enjoy the multicultural exhibits displayed by Kids' Bridge at The Discovery Place, open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Cost for children's tickets vary with age.

Tren glad to be in U.S., at TJC, Family remains in Vietnam

by Lisa Henderson
staff writer

For more than a century immigrants have come to the United States looking for freedom and security. They know that better education will bring economic gain. One such seeker is Jade Tren.

Born in South Vietnam, Tren has lived in the United States for eight years. He came to America alone to gain freedom and a college education. Most of his family remains in Vietnam.

Tren treasures the change in government, culture and lifestyle

he has found here. Almost everything is different from his native country, Tren said. Adjusting to these differences has helped him fit into American culture, especially college life.

"America is the best place on earth. The opportunities are great," Tren said. Tren is most proud of his opportunity for a college education. He is working on a nursing degree.

Tren has learned to adapt to the differences here while keeping his own identity. He is proud of his background, but realizes that, to fit in to American culture, he must make some changes.

"I will always keep my own identity, but I do try to fit in. My clothes are like the clothes of students here," Tren said.

Tren said he will never leave the U. S. and doubts he will ever leave Tyler. Tren enjoys the country and likes the people in Texas.

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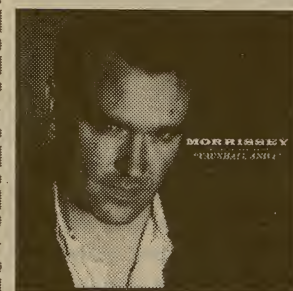
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STARs teach students to choose healthy lifestyles

by Carla Taylor Graves
Staff Writer

Students Talking About Reality is an organization to promote healthy lifestyles sponsored by and based in College Health Services.

The main goal for STAR, according to their brochure, is to give students the most accurate information about such health issues as HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

STAR also hopes to introduce other health topics such as diabetes and drug and alcohol use. Then students can make wise and informed decisions about their

health, College Nurse Zeida Boucher said.

"Peer education is an effective teaching strategy for the de-

disease is transmitted, symptoms and methods of prevention," Luke said.

STARs are full-time students who have been recruited and trained in health issues each semester. They learn presentation and communication skills. They use such icebreakers as skits, role play, group activities and lectures to convey information.

"Student-oriented learning activities presented by trained student leaders incorporate higher

"Peer education is an effective teaching strategy for . . . health-related information . . . community and junior college students can relate to now,"
College Nurse Zelda Boucher

level of relevant health-related information that community and junior college students can relate to now," she said.

Current research says peer education positively influences health knowledge, behavior and attitudes, Boucher said.

"Teamwork is a big factor because students have to present programs together," Pre-Med Freshman Sherilyn Luke said.

"When we speak about HIV and AIDS we discuss how the

level thinking skills and are likely to enhance decision-making skills necessary for optimal health and wellness during adulthood," Boucher said.

Students gain knowledge about healthy lifestyles and learn to work as an organizational team member. They gain skills in public speaking and communication which build self-esteem and help them cope with stress.

STAR training usually takes 48 hours and has been done on

weekends. Any student can apply for the STAR program in the college health services office. That staff can also help those interested

in a STAR-presented program.

For more information contact College Health Services at: (903) 510-2264.

Students present program to college educators

by Suzanne Loudamy
Staff Writer

Two STARs, Sherilyn Luke and Geneva Buchanan, presented their peer education program to college educators at the Texas Junior College Teachers Association this spring in San Antonio. Their presentation was so well received that they have been invited to return and give it again next year, College Nurse Zelda Boucher said.

The students' presentation included many different activities and a video. "We have already received several phone calls from colleges wanting more information on how they can start such a program on their campus," Boucher said.

STARs, Students Talking About Reality, promote healthy life-styles among their peers.

Dr. Lou Ann Kuck and Boucher, STAR co-sponsors, are recruiting freshmen in the medical studies field to participate and go through training this spring.

Interested students may contact Boucher at 510-2264.

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RIDE THE WIND— Wind surfing is a big sport off the beaches of Corpus Christi.

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AYE! AYE, CAPTAIN!— A fisherman talks on his radio after a day's work in Corpus Christi Bay.



Photo by Jaymie Poeschl

FOREVER MAY SHE WAVE— A fisherman climbs the mast of his fishing boat to help a photojournalist to reach the top in competition.



FLYING HIGH—Seagulls are a permanent fixture in the Corpus Christi scenery. They have become accustomed to the tourist and fly close to people for food.

THE NATIVES ARE FRIENDLY—Just after coming in from his daily sail, it is time to put up the sails.

Photos by Candice Reimer

Contest features Columbus ships

by Lisa Henderson
Staff Writer

Students from TJC competed in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Conference in Corpus Christi early this month.

Five hundred Texas college journalists and their sponsors viewed things they had never seen before, tried new competitions, new foods, new sports and met new friends. Some hand-picked students were selected to see the Columbus ships, focus of the feature writing competition.

The Columbus ships are a new Corpus Christi attraction. They were built

in Spain and sailed here in 1992 to celebrate 500 years since the original Columbus expedition.

The Columbus fleet has completed four voyages, all involving the three replicas of the original ships: the Nina, Santa Maria and Pinta. The number of men in each ship's crew and in the fleet are close to the original operation.

The United States will keep the fleet for 50 years, until their lease expires and another option will be explored. The fleet, which has sailed all around the world, will remain in Corpus Christi is popular with tour-

ists.

By summer the crew members of these three ships plan to sail the harbor of Dock One, Jessie Rodriguez said. Rodriguez has been a crew member on the Nina for eight months now.

"These are the only seaworthy ships like this in world. Others have tried, but none could be sailed," he said.

Tourism has exploded since the ship exhibit opened. Tours have been ongoing for months and are expected to continue. The real test will be when these three replicas sail the harbor.



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Apache Ladies players' Title IX case awaits action

Fomer Apache Ladies Tara Williams' and Angelica Rivers' case against TJC for an alleged violation of their due process and their suspension from the basketball team remains pending. Williams and Rivers were suspended from the basketball team by Dean of students Frankie Muffoletto in late February. After the suspension, the players appealed to the student disciplinary board which upheld their suspension.

The players appealed again with the same result. Then attorneys for Rivers and Williams, Barry Goodwin, Clifton Roberson and Bill Rosenstein, filed for a temporary injunction against the suspension. Judge Joe Clayton granted the injunction, ruling to allow the basketball players to finish out the season. His decision af-

fected only one game, the last before the playoffs.

The three-day hearing included the testimony of student disciplinary board members, Muffoletto, Residential Life Director Kathy Pierce, men's basketball players and Athletic Director Dr. Billy Jack Doggett.

"During the hearing, the men's basketball players testified that the punishment of the women players was unfair in comparison with the punishment of other cases of men's athletes," Rosenstein said.

In a prepared statement released to the press, TJC administration said: "The court has ruled to continue the temporary injunction in effect. We will certainly abide by the court's order. It is anticipated the case will now be set at some

future date for full trial and the college anticipates a favorable ruling at that time."

Williams and Rivers violated several parts of the student code of conduct in the TJC Student Handbook. Violations include section No. 4: "Physical or verbal abuse of any person or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person."

They also violated section No. 13 "Creating a nuisance with noise through talking, yelling, singing, playing a musical instrument, stereo, radio or through other means in a way that is sufficiently loud enough to disturb other members of the college community."

Pierce then took disciplinary action to deal with these infractions. Williams and Rivers then retaliated with another

violation of the student code of conduct: "Unauthorized use, theft or damage to property of the College or a member of the college community or campus visitor."

The players admitted to "keying" the dorm residential assistant's car, the offense for which they were suspended from the team. The infraction was turned over to Pierce for punishment.

The players and their attorneys are basing their case on the violation of the players right to fairness under due process and Title IX.

Title IX is a broad federal law that states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under

any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

They do not believe the dean of students treated them fairly, compared with other action taken against other TJC athletes at other times.

"In the beginning of all this, we requested to mediate with a neutral third party to settle the dispute," Rosenstein said. "We are not receiving any fees and have paid out-of-pocket expenses."

"Right now this case is still open for discussion. If it does continue, we will amend our pleading and hope to win punitive damages and exemplary damages," he said.

The attorneys said they feel confident they will win because, so far, they have gotten everything they've asked for.



Photo by Candice Reimer

AT THE MOUND—Apache baseball players Jason Divin, Heath Reynolds, Mark Stratta, Brandon Stone, Chris Conrad and Jason Layne have signed with and are committing to four year colleges.

6 Apache baseballers sign with 4-year colleges

Six Apache baseball players were signed by Southwest Conference schools last week. Infielder Mark Stratta and pitcher Chris Conrad were signed by Texas A&M University. Infielder Jason Layne signed with The University of Texas at Austin. Pitcher Brandon Stone signed with Baylor. Pitcher Jason Divin committed to Southwest Texas State University but has not signed.

Later this week pitcher Heath Reynolds will sign with

the University of Houston.

"I'm very proud of the players. They work hard to create those opportunities for themselves," Coach Jon Groth said. Other players are being recruited and Groth said he expects more players with sign with big schools.

"The sophomores are big contributors. For this young team it's exciting to have some of our guys being recruited," Groth said.

The Apaches, with 10

conference games to play, are 9-9 in the conference and three games away from the play-off picture. Eight teams comprise the conference and the top two go to the play-offs.

"Right now we are staying focused on conditioning. A lot of teams are tired and we like to use that to our advantage," Groth said.

"We have to win the rest of the games. We have the potential to beat the last 10 teams," he said.

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